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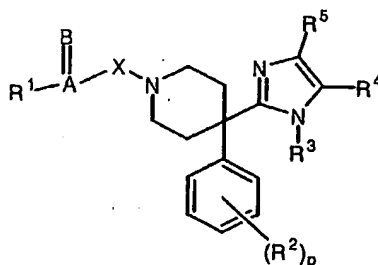
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(54) Title: SUBSTITUTED 4-PHENYL-4'-1H-IMIDAZOL-2-YL-1-PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS SELECTIVE NON-PEPTIDE DELTA OPIOID AGONISTS WITH ANTIDEPRESSANT AND ANXIOLYTIC ACTIVITY



(I)

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of 4-phenyl-4'-[1H-imidazol-2-yl]-piperidine derivatives according to Formula (I) the pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salts thereof, the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, the tautomeric forms thereof and the N-oxide forms thereof as selective non-peptide δ -opioid agonists for use in the prevention and/or treatment of various central nervous system disorders, in particular as selective antidepressant and anxiolytic non-peptide δ -opioid agonists. In particular are claimed compounds according to Formula (I) in which A=B is C=O or SO₂, X is a covalent bond, R¹ is alkyloxy, alkyloxyalkyl, Ar or benzoxazolyl radical; p is zero, R³ is benzyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkyl or alkyloxycarbonyl and R⁴ and R⁵ each are hydrogen.

NR⁹R¹⁰, wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ each independently are hydrogen or Ar; or A=B and R¹ together form a benzoxazolyl radical; p is zero, R³ is benzyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, alkyl or alkyloxycarbonyl and R⁴ and R⁵ each are hydrogen.

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